

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~220009~~ CH-930

Address: 2711 Mattawoman Beantown Road, Charles County ~ in the vicinity of Waldorf

Owner: Dement, Joseph A and Catherine D

Tax Parcel Number: 258 Tax Map Number: 8

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

2711 Mattawoman Beantown Road is a one-and-one-half-story, three-bay wide, wood frame house with a side gable roof. The side gable roof is continuous over the partial-width, screened porch. Two of the bays are located beyond the porch; one is pierced by paired, 6/6 double-hung, sash windows and the other holds a single-leaf door. A front gable projecting bay aligns with the front wall of the porch. The projecting bay is pierced by paired, 6/6 double-hung, sash windows. An interior, brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises above the roof. The house is clad with horizontal siding.

The development and increase of housing within Charles County was enhanced by the increasing dependence on the automobile and the end of World War II. Crain Highway, now known as U.S. 301, was transformed from a local road into a bypass for traffic traveling between Florida and New York with the introduction of the Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940. Charles County was relatively isolated from large-scale residential and commercial development within the MD 301 corridor until the 1960s. It was at that point that Crain Highway was designated US Route 301.

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Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Eligibility not recommended ☒

Consideration ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

10/20/99
Date

Reviewer, NR Program

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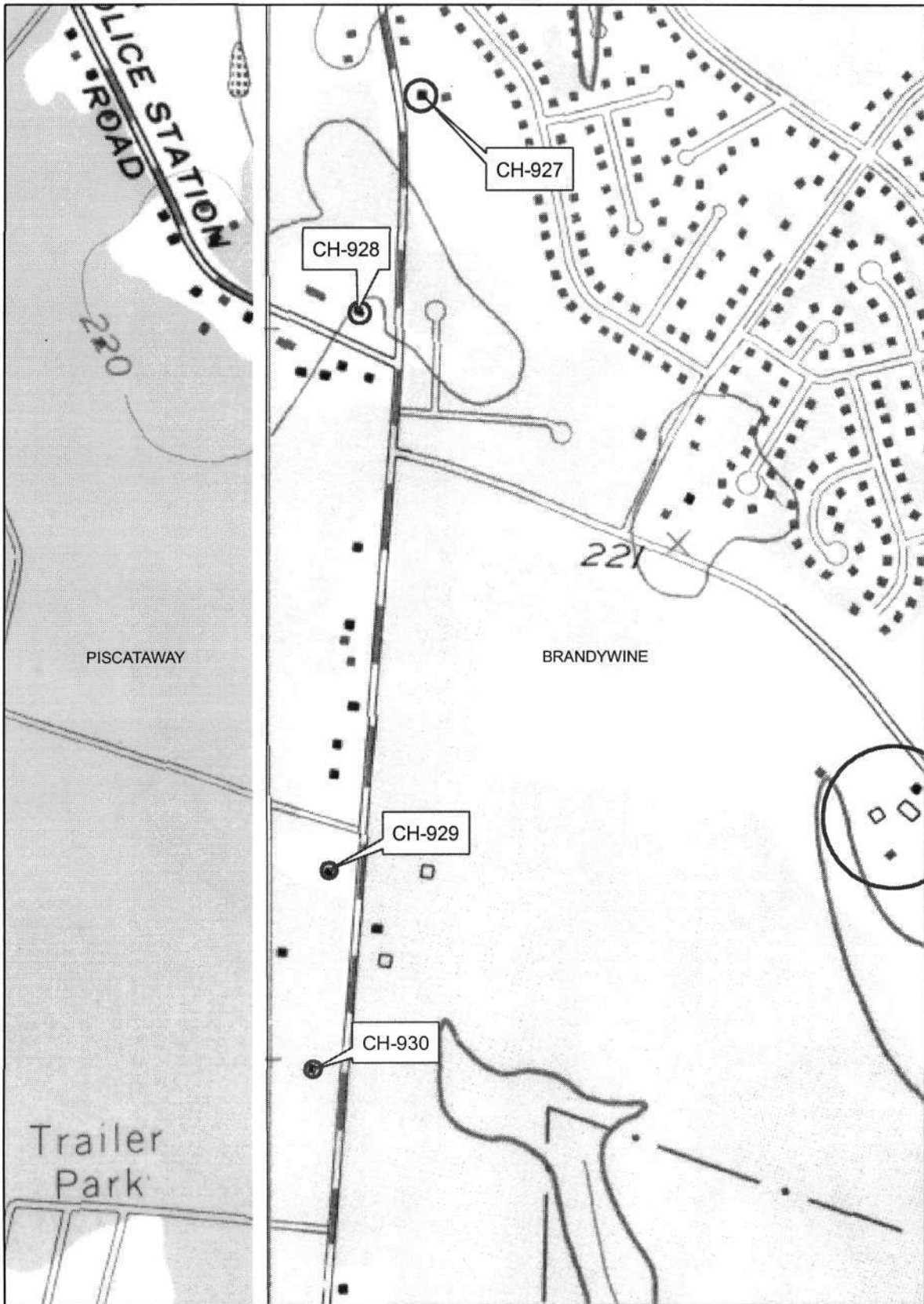
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The population of Charles County in the middle of the 20th century numbered less than 25,000 people and the economy was based upon agricultural production, especially tobacco. Charles County was one the of the largest producers of tobacco in the State of Maryland. With its economy geared toward agricultural, Charles County was primarily rural and the housing introduced after World War II was on a small scale in comparison to other areas in the country.

Modern development of Northern Charles County began in the early 1970s as the suburbs of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties became costly and congested. This influx of residents has continued over the last few decades as modern road networks have provided commuters easy access to Washington, D.C., Annapolis, Baltimore, and other cities. By 1980, the population of Charles County increased to 72,000, tripling the number of people living in the area before 1950. Although Northern Charles County, along U.S. 301, had been significantly developed before the 1990s, the majority of Southern Charles County had remained rural and agricultural. Within the last five years, Southern Charles County has experienced significant change in the form of residential housing developments.

Built circa 1940, this vernacular dwelling is not eligible for the National Register. While this house is typical of the modest residential development in Charles County during the last half of the 20th century, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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